

to pass it. I did not vote because I knew there were not enough people here to pass it. I want the record to be clear that I made the reconsideration motion for myself, not the introducer of the bill. If I were doing it strictly for the introducer of the bill I would have voted to kill it. But I can't let personal vindictiveness, on my part, effect how I function in this Legislature. So it just happens that, shortly after having been stung by the introducer of this bill, my integrity and principles compelled me to do what I think is right, rather than the natural, ordinary thing and sting back. I hope now there are enough people in the body to reconsider that action. It will take 30 votes since the bill failed on Final Reading. So I have offered the motion to reconsider. You, I think, are familiar with the bill. But if the introducer wants to try to pull his chestnuts from the fire, he has whatever time is left to do so.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, there seems to be a great deal of misinformation on LB 223. The key, and I know I've addressed this very point to a number of the senators who voted no on LB 223 the other day, has to do with serious bodily injury only. What is serious bodily injury? Serious bodily injury, as defined in the statute, means disfigurement, maiming someone for life, it may even mean death. So only then are these stiff penalties applied in the case where someone is driving while under the influence of alcohol or any other drug. Certainly I don't think that we can consider this a very harsh penalty under those circumstances. I would be happy to address myself to any other questions that anyone else might have on this particular piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT: The question then is shall the Legislature reconsider its action in the denial of passage on Final Reading of LB 223. This requires 30 votes. Record your vote. Have you voted? Have you all voted? Record. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, I request a Call of the House and a record vote please.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the House go under Call. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. All senators please return to your desks and record your presence. Record your presence please. Nonsenatorial personnel leave the floor. Would you record your presence. Senator Schmit, would you flash your light? Senator Maresh, please. Senator Newell. Senator Hasebroock and Senator Newell. Senator Kelly. All right, the Clerk may receive votes.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye. Senator Lamb voting aye. Senator Stoney voting aye. Senator Hefner voting aye. Senator Merz voting no.

PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

CLERK: Took roll call vote found on page 685 of the Journal. 28 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.